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HONGKONG, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1904

It will have been seen from the paragraph published in our issue of yesterday that Mr. ROBERT SHERMAN wrote to the London Times a letter, dated the 12th December last, in which he commented on Sir HENRY BLAKE's reply to Mr. ALFRED LEBLANC's criticisms on the administration of Hongkong. Mr. LEBLANC made a very sweeping denunciation of Government methods in this Colony, and our late Governor replied at considerable length, defending in particular the Civil Servants of Hongkong from certain charges which he considered Mr. LEBLANC to have brought against them unjustly. In this respect the advantage of the argument lay rather with Sir HENRY BLAKE, for in saying, as he did, that in Hongkong it is considered the worst of bad form in Government circles to appear interested in one's work the writer of the Times articles on Colonial Administration was decidedly in error. The charge was not a fair one, and by making it Mr. LEBLANC weakened his case. That was unfortunate, for the cause which he was pleading. Mr. SHERMAN has now taken it up in answer to Sir HENRY BLAKE, and puts the case in another and more effective way. He says that Mr. LEBLANC has only voiced the feelings of Europeans in Hongkong and their dissatisfaction with a system of government by men sent out by the Colonial Office who know nothing of the Colony's wants and ways. He continues:—"The more able and energetic spirits among whom 'quickly pass out of the Colonial service' into the law or other professions where the 'rewards are much greater. In proof of this I may point out that almost all the 'principal firms of architects and civil engineers now in Hongkong have been

"founded by gentlemen who were sent out 'by the Colonial Office at the Colony's expense.' Mr. SHERMAN pays a tribute to our late Governor, admitting that he was in many respects an able administrator, but thinks that he claims too much in his defence of his administration in the Times. With this Hongkong will agree, we think. With regard to Sir HENRY's statement that Professor SIMPSON visited the Colony at his request, Mr. SHERMAN says that he forgot to add that this was forced upon him, and that his Government did nothing until the community took the matter in hand publicly and appointed a committee, which drew up and forwarded a petition to the home Government for enquiry, resulting in Messrs. CHADWICK and SIMPSON being sent out. This surely cannot be controverted. It was the public agitation which forced the Government's hand, not the Government which led and directed the agitation. Mr. SHERMAN concludes by saying that he might, but for considerations of space, touch on the evils of 'the want of water, the state of the roads, the backwardness of all Government work, the ridiculous Admiralty Dock, overcrowding of Chinese, etc.' We take it that Mr. SHERMAN does not charge all these evils to the recent administration. He knows of course that they are inherited evils due to past maladministration. The fault of recent local government here is that it has not striven vigorously enough to find the cure, and has been too content to tinker rather than renew. Sir HENRY BLAKE and his advisers fail by lack of initiative. Too much attention was paid to building up a big surplus revenue, while public works remained a discredit to the Colony. Hongkong is very prosperous and the Government revenue is noteworthy for the size of the Colony. But it is the policy of its Governor which has made us what we are. Out-and-out denunciations of the whole system of administration will do no good. On the other hand, an over-zealous defence equally defeats its object. Mr. SHERMAN seems to represent best the general view of the community when, while allowing our late Governor's administrative ability in many respects, he nevertheless condemns the system generally.

The following appointment was made last month at the Admiralty:—Captain W. C. Pakenham, to the *Glory*, additional, to date Jan. 21.

At Glasgow on the 19th ult. the London and Glasgow Engineering and Shipbuilding Company launched the cruiser *Roxburgh*, which is the third cruiser of the County class, built by the Glasgow firm for the British Navy.

A month ago the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Seddon, addressing his constituents, said that the appearance of Russia as a naval power in the China seas was a danger to the British Colonies, involving increased Imperial expenditure for a squadron sufficient to meet the altered conditions.

The appeal to the Emperor of Russia and the Emperor of Japan, asking them to refer the question in dispute to the International High Court established at The Hague, was telegraphed to their Majesties on the 21st ult. The result is, of course, already well known.

Commercial Intelligence says:—Some of the Ambassadors have a very easy time in Bangkok, and appear to have strange ideas about their duties. The representative of one of the five "Great Powers" has taken to training horses for the local nobles, and, as his clientele is increasing at the expense of the local professional trainers, considerable feeling is being engendered.

In connection with the delay of the French cruiser *Sully* in sailing for the Far East, it has been announced last month that M. Pelletan had relieved Captain Farret of the command, and replaced him by Captain Guiberteau. This decision caused great surprise. The *Times* (Paris) believed that the officer incensed M. Pelletan's displeasure by objecting to the *Sully's* hurried departure in an unfit condition. In recent trials the vessel met with an accident in dock, one of its torpedo-tubes being bent, and doubts also existed as to the solidity of one of its screws. Finally, the gunnery trials had not been completed, and some of the guns had shown defects.

A home paper announces that Mr. A. Perry Sinnett, the prophet of occultism, has gained a new pulp in the editorship of *Broad View*, an eightpenny monthly magazine, of which No. 1 is now current. In an article on the doctrine of re-incarnation, the sentences occur:—"Birth is no more an accident than the delivery of a letter by the postman at the address on the envelope." "The environment into which each soul, as it comes into earth life, is thrown, is the nearest approximation that the law can provide to a mathematically accurate expression of the soul's desires." Mr. Sinnett, having been sub-editor and leader-writer of several London journals, became editor of the *Hongkong Daily Press* in 1865. Here he remained for three years and after four years in London became editor of the *Alhambra Pioneer* with the result that he became interested in theosophy, wrote *The Occult World* in 1881, *Esoteric Buddhism* in 1883, and various other works inspired by the same theme since.

We see that, on the 20th ult., by its 332nd consecutive performance at the Strand Theatre, London, *A Chinese Honeymoon* (played by the Dallas Co. here on Monday and Tuesday last) succeeded in breaking the record for a musical play, of 331 held by *Dorothy*.

The St. Petersburg Imperial Messenger published the following last month:—On 16th January the chief of the laboratory of the Imperial Institute of Experimental Medicine for the preparation of plague remedies was taken ill after having been engaged in experimenting with living plague cultures. He died of plague on the 20th inst., in spite of every medical assistance and repeated injections of anti-plague serum. Injections of the anti-plague serum were made in good time into all persons who had been in contact with him. The laboratory is in Port Alexander 1, which is on a small island completely isolated from Kronstadt and the other forts.

Mr. H. Fulford Bush (of the firm of Bush Brothers) writes to the *Times* to correct a misapprehension which has arisen in regard to certain remarks of his made during the course of an address to the Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool. He says:—"I stated that there were Japanese military engineers in Manchuria who were prepared to blow up sections of the Trans-Siberian Railway line within a fortnight of the outbreak of hostilities. Much to my surprise I have learned that these remarks have been considered injudicious and prejudicial to Japanese interests, in so far as their circulation may serve to increase the Russian vigilance along the said route. May I suggest that such inference is an unwarrantable aspersions upon the intelligence of the Russian military authorities, who, to the best of my knowledge and belief, are efficient to recognise the vital necessity of guarding the railway line at all points? In view of the fact that a Russian gentleman of my acquaintance informed me some months ago that, as the Japanese, through their Military Intelligence Corps, were fully posted as to every Russian movement and disposition of troops, it behooved the Russian army to be strong at all points, we may be safe in assuming that the Russians are fully aware of the presence, not necessarily the whereabouts, of these representatives of Dal Nippon's military forces. In conclusion, I would also add that my apparent disclosure of what has certainly been news to many of our people, and those of the Continent, was anticipated by the statement of the Japanese officer to one of our newspapers, of which I made the mention in my address; and my opinion of the Japanese military caution is certainly not second to that I entertain of the intelligence of their opponents."

From the letter of a Sydney correspondent in a home paper it seems that the strict enforcement of the Alien Immigration Restriction Act in Australia is arousing considerable indignation and feeling amongst the people there. The lengths to which the authorities are prepared to go is illustrated by the barbarous manner in which the Chinese and Malay crew of the *Petrona*, wrecked near the entrance to Port Phillip, were treated by the Commonwealth Government. There was not the slightest hope of saving the vessel, but while the captain and chief officer, both white men, were graciously permitted to land, the whole of the crew, sixteen Chinese and eleven Malays, were forbidden to go on shore, even to save their lives. They were permitted to drown, if they so pleased, in Commonwealth waters, but not to rest until assistance arrived on Australian soil. Fortunately, a partial solution of the difficulty was furnished by the aliens shivering in their cold and wet clothing, being taken on board a tug-boat to await the arrival of the Japanese mail steamer *Shin Maru*. The captain and crew of the *Kanaga Maru* behaved in a more Christian-like spirit to the shipwrecked unfortunate than did the Federal authorities. But the story of the inhuman manner in which the crew of the *Petrona* were treated has awakened a feeling of disgust throughout Australia. The captain of the *Petrona*, writing to the Melbourne papers, says:—"I have sailed in many seas the world over, but have never before seen or heard of a country where the shipwrecked mariner was not allowed to put his foot on dry land. If your seamen were wrecked on the Malay Peninsula or on the Chinese coast they would not only have been welcomed, but the best shore poor blacks possessed would have been placed at their disposal."

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the Band of the 36th Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-night:—
March..... "Sons of the Empire"..... Bradford
Overture..... "Der König's Heidentum"..... Emil Hill
Selection..... "Flourish"..... Leslie Stuart
Morceau..... "Soleil d'Amour"..... Elgar
Selection..... "The Belle of New York"..... Kerker
Waltz..... "Réponse à l'Amour"..... Burger
Lancers..... "The Toreador"..... Willams
"God Save the King."

MENU

Hors D'Œuvres
Caviar on Toast.
SOUP
Custard and Carrot.
FISH.
Boiled Fish, A. Cherry Sauce.
ENTREES.
Larded Fillet of Beef
Stewed Wild Duck with Port Wine
Mutton Chop and Cabbage.
JOINTS.
Roast Saddle of Mutton
Roast Turkey
Cold Ham.
COUNTRY
Omelette.
SALAD.
Potato.
VEGETABLES.
Boiled Potatoes Baked Potatoes
Sweet Corn Stewed Celery.
SWEETS.
Fig Pudding Gooseberry Pie
Vanilla Ice-cream Finger Cake.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. J. A. Murray, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Miss L. M. Barber, and will take place at Penang on the 27th inst.

The P. and O. cargo boat *Malacca*, which sailed from the Albert Dock for the Far East on the 23rd ult. is bringing a 28-ton gun to Hongkong. The weapon is over 40ft. long. It travels on the deck in a stout wooden cradle to keep it from breaking loose and doing damage.

Major G. E. Pereira, D.S.O., Grenadier Guards, who formerly served with the Chinese Regiment of Infantry at Weihaiwei, has been temporarily attached as Military Attaché to the staff of the British Minister-Resident in Seoul. In ordinary circumstances the duties of British Military Attaché in Korea are performed by Lieut-Col. C. V. Hume, D.S.O., Royal Artillery, whose appointment is to both Tokyo and Seoul. Major Pereira served as a Special Service Officer and was slightly wounded in the China expedition of 1903.

Mr. Geo. Edwards will produce a new comic opera at Daly's Theatre on or about the 1st March. It will be called *Sunny Ceylon*. It is full of tea estate scenes, creepers and pluckers, and Kandy fests and processions are being lavishly introduced. Hayden Coffin takes the part of a tea-planter who loves a daisy maiden—a part that will most likely be taken by Miss Isabel Jay—who is betrothed to a Native Prince. The latter part will be taken by Rutland Barrington. Hantley Wright has the part of a Dabu lawyer.

A British officer who has served under Viceroy Alexieff and had two years' experience of Port Arthur, says:—"Admiral Alexieff has undoubtedly, done wonders in urging the construction of docks, and in dredging the inner part of the port of Port Arthur; but the fleet under the admiral's command would, withdrawn inside the port, be so congested that they might suffer heavily from the superior high angle fire of Japanese ships. It is to be remembered that the Japanese know where the Russian ships would have to lie in the port." This was written over a month ago.

The annual banquet of the American Chamber of Commerce at Paris on the 17th ult. was the occasion of a sympathetic demonstration in favour of close ties of amity between France, England, and the United States. Mr. Seligmann, the banker, who is dean of the American Chamber, considered that the *entente cordiale* between France and England was the most important of all great political events, betokening a new era of joy and happiness for humanity. He then referred to the prejudices which formerly existed in his own country against England. All that had been changed, and he now averred that the feeling of friendship had become so pronounced that war between the United States and England was almost impossible. He hoped the same might soon be said about France and England, in which case the three countries would form a bond of such strength as to impose disarmament and peace on all the nations of Europe. The speaker's remarks were enthusiastically received.

The service journal *The Military and Naval Record*, writes as follows concerning the late Admiral Keppel, whose career and death we commented on last month:—"Sir Henry Keppel, who died on Sunday, was an ideal sailor. He crowded more adventure into his long life than any three other men could record, and disproved the notion that romance has departed from life, and that excitements are lacking. From China to the Baltic, from the Crimea to South America, his experience extended, and he generally managed to get in the thick of the fight. His escapes may be said to date almost from the day of his birth, for, as he stated in his autobiography, when he was three weeks old, he was deposited in his father's footman to be interred in a garden at the back of the house, not being entitled to a birth in consecrated ground. Fortunately the old nurse discovered that there was life in the 'small thing' before the final 'screwing up,' and for England a great naval commander was thus saved. Sir Henry loved to boast that he had served under four Sovereigns and he lived to see the fifth. The Navy has experienced an amazing transformation since the youthful Keppel entered on the sailing vessel *Tweed* in 1824. He witnessed the slow suppression of sailing vessels by steam, the introduction and the decay of the steam line-of-battle and steam frigates, and the gradual development of the ironclad into the wonderful piece of mechanism of the present. He did not serve afloat after 1869, and he retired altogether in 1875, after his term as Commander-in-Chief at Devonport, but he is known to have followed the development of the Navy with the keenest interest."

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

The second performance of *Three Little Maids*, by this popular company was quite up to the mark, the performance going with a swing throughout, and the performers appearing even more at home in their respective parts than on the previous night. The violin-playing of Miss Garbette was quite a feature of the evening; her rendering of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" deservedly calling for a spontaneous encore. The costumes of the Society Ballets were even more elaborate than on the previous evening, those of Miss Eva Carlotta attracting special attention. The drawing-room scene in the third act was somewhat marred by a general stiffness amongst "Lady Mallory's" guests, possibly due to the inclusion of some self-conscious local "talent." Otherwise the performance was another score for the company.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR.

RUSSIA CLAIMS 4 JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS SUNK.

London, 24th Feb., 6.20 p.m.

The Russian official reports state that four Japanese battleships and two transports have been sunk at Port Arthur. The names of the vessels are not given.

JAPANESE AGAIN ATTACK PORT ARTHUR.

London, 25th Feb., 11.15 a.m.

Viceroy Alexieff, in a telegram to the Tsar, states that on the 24th instant the Japanese attempted to block Port Arthur, by means of steamers filled with explosives. Four steamers—not battleships—were destroyed. The entrance is reported to be still clear.

GENERAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY.

LONDON, 25th Feb., 11.15 a.m.

Oxford has defeated Cambridge in the inter-University Hockey Match by one goal to nothing.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR—APPREHENSIONS OF NEUTRALS.

LONDON, 23rd February.

The war is evidently exciting apprehensions among neutrals. Sweden is mobilising troops and fortifying the coasts. Spain is sending considerable reinforcements to the Canaries and otherwise preparing. Portugal is sending the *Vasco da Gama* to the Far East and appears to contemplate mobilisation.

RUSSIA IN CENTRAL ASIA.

LONDON, 23rd February.

In connection with General Ivanoff's departure for Turkestan, the Russian troops in the direction of the Pamirs will be considerably reinforced.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORT RETURNING.

LONDON, 23rd February.

The Russian transport *Smolensk* has re-entered the Canal, homeward bound.

THE SITUATION IN MANCHURIA.

LONDON, 23rd February.

Admiral Alexieff and all members of his staff are now installed at Harbin. The civilians at Vladivostok have been ordered to leave owing to scarcity of food. The Government is taking everything available.

Russia and Japan in reply to the United States Note say they are prepared to respect the neutrality of China outside Manchuria, the actual seat of war.

THE FIRE AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

On the morning of the 24th inst. at 4.15, a big fire occurred at Ha Chan Tong, which is about ten minutes' walk from Shameen, where several restaurants and other places of resort are situated. When the fire broke out a great number of singing-girls and neighbouring residents fled, and took refuge on the boats moored in the Shamoon Canal. The fire was the work of incendiaries, as an order has been passed lately by the Viceroy of Wong Sha, requiring that all the flower-boats at Knap-fo should move to Nam Kwan, a considerable distance away, thus taking away the business of singing girls in that district. Availing themselves of this opportunity some vagabonds raided the district, while many girls were forcibly carried away to be sold or held for ransom. Over one hundred houses in all were burned down, the conflagration being only finally got under at about half-past ten that morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 25th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen in N. China, and fallen in Japan and S. China.
Pressure is highest in the extreme North of China, and lowest in the Philippines.
Gradients are rather steep on the China coast, and fresh monsoon will be met with in the Formosa channel, and moderate to fresh monsoon in the China Sea.
Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds; cloudy, fair.

THE WAR.

THE RUSSIAN "WAR CHEST."

It is common knowledge that Russia has amassed a considerable amount of gold as war reserves, and at the meeting of the London City and Midland Bank, held at Cannon Street Hotel, London, last month, Mr. Arthur Keen, the chairman, traced the history of the great increase in the amount of gold now held by Russia. He said that, whereas in 1901 Russia held only £78,000,000, by 1903 they had increased this amount to £288,000,000. The drain from this country to Germany for Russian account continued, and by the middle of September the gold in the Bank of Russia had increased to nearly £320,000,000.

THE STARTING POINT.

The London *Daily Telegraph* published a despatch, dated Nagasaki, the 6th instant, stating that when the Russian squadron left Port Arthur, it escorted troopships to the Yalu River and landed a full division. Japan's patience was then exhausted, and she seized three Russian merchantmen with cargoes of coals and stores on board.

CEYLON'S POSITION.

The announcement of war created some little excitement in Ceylon. In view of the possibility of the approach of Russia from the Red Sea, the Colombo harbour tugs were to be taken over by the local military authorities. Each was to be fitted with a military mast for signalling purposes and in time of emergency moved ten miles out at sea. If a suspicious-looking craft loomed to eight ten miles away from the coast, the fact will at once be signalled to the military watch-tower and preparations for any eventualities be made.

The movements of the East Indies Squadron were not known in Colombo when the last mail left. According to the latest information, however, H.M.S. *Hyacinth*, the flagship, with Rear-Admiral Atkinson-Willes on board, was at Aden in connection with the Somaliland campaign, while H.M.S. *Meria* and *Pomone* were also at Aden. The other five vessels forming the squadron—H.M.S. *Fox*, *Lopwing*, *Perseus*, *Porpoise* and *Sphinx*—were reported at Bombay.

ANOTHER FIRE.

At about 2.55 a.m. yesterday morning another fire broke out, with what might have had disastrous results. Starting at the 2nd floor of No. 444, Des Vaux Road West, in a large, well-stocked mail-shop, the conflagration was soon under full way. The alarm having been given it was not long before the Fire Brigade was on the scene, under charge of Mr. Hallifax, Mr. Macdonald, Chief Engineer, and the full staff being present. Considerable delay, however, was caused by the inability to obtain a supply of water to play on the fire, and until the water was turned on the firemen could do but little more than remove property from the adjoining buildings which were threatened. In the meantime the fire spread unchecked to Nos. 446 on one side, and 442, 440, and 438 on the other, Nos. 444 and 446 being completely gutted, while the surrounding premises were considerably damaged by the falling sparks, and the volumes of water, of which there was at last a plentiful supply. During the progress of this fire the outer wall of No. 438 collapsed suddenly, and fell crashing into Sal On Lane, nearly catching Inspector McNab and Sergeants Grant and Watt in its fall, who most fortunately, however, just escaped with their lives without sustaining further injuries than a slight scorching, and somewhat damaged clothes. No. 444 was insured for \$12,500, but the actual extent of the damage done could not be learned up to a late hour yesterday.

GARRISON CHANGES.

According to the proposed changes in the next troopship season the Sherwood Foresters, officially known as the 1st Battalion North and Derbyshire Regiment, will be transferred from Hongkong to Singapore, to be replaced here by the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, at present in Ceylon. Colonel Western, C.B., officer commanding the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment, informed a *Times* of Ceylon representative that in all probability the battalion will be transferred to Hongkong next autumn, in the ordinary course of things. It is also proposed to transfer the 87th and 88th Companies of Royal Garrison Artillery from Ceylon to Hongkong, and the 78th and 80th Companies from Hongkong to Singapore.

ARMY REFORM.

Mr. Arnold-Forster, Secretary for War, outlined his policy of Army reform last month at the house dinner of the Liverpool Conservative Club. In a vigorous speech he accepted full responsibility for the task imposed upon him to reorganise the Army. Mr. Arnold-Forster's proposals may be briefly set out as follows:—

Check expenditure.
Secure value for money.
Amplify the conditions of Reserve service to fit the labour market.
Increase the number of trained subalterns and captains.
Improve barrack accommodation.
Place Militia on sound footing.
Solve Volunteer difficulty by common-sense rules.
Organise Regular Army for overseas work.
Create a force ready to move at a moment's notice.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB
RACE MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

Yesterday there was a continuance of the good weather which had favoured the opening days of the Race Meeting. In the forenoon the attendance was small, but as the afternoon wore on the Race Course became crowded, more so even than on Tuesday or Wednesday, while thousands of Chinese lined the Golf Course side of the track.

The band of the Sherwood Foresters, under Bandmaster E. J. Bradley, played the following selections:—

March: "The Coon Drum Major" ... Stuart
Overture: "Haydn" ... Aubert
Selection: "Phaeton" ... Stuart
Value: "Midsummer" ... Mar. Gold
Selection: "A Chinese Honeymoon" ... Taibot
Two Stop: "Blaze Away" ... Moret
Selection: "Songs of Tosti" ... Pougher
Sketch: "Down South" ... Myddleton
Selection: "The Tornado" ... Carrell
Value: "Souris d'Amour" ... Dupont
March: "Whistling Rufus" ... Mills
Morceau: "Schubert's Klugeben" ... Eikenborg
Value: "Blaise" ... Margis
Intermezzo: "Endoria" ... Andre

In the Grand Stand Stakes seven horses faced the starter. La France Rose started favourite, and performing up to expectations, best Royal and Aladdin. Mr. Johnston brought home Ca Canny first in the Spring Stakes after a fine race; Panjandrum was second and Chantauqua third. In the Great Southern Stakes race the winner turned up in Disord, which was not very much fancied for the event. Fiscal having to be content with second honours and Algerine with third. Set won the Ladies' Purse; Vancouver and Marshal Niel Rose finishing behind. Just before the prizes in this race were presented by Miss Berkeley, daughter of Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley, the Attorney-General. Aladdin brought off his first win of the Meeting in the Purse Cup Race. In the Phaeton Stakes, Dandy started a favourite. He made the pace for most part of the course, but broke his fetlock coming into the straight. Remnant took up the running and finished first with Runaway Girl close up. Dandy had to be shot. Fiscal won the Hongkong Stakes as was pretty generally anticipated. Rajah came in first in the Consolation Stakes with Vancouver second.

Coronet Rose, Mr. Buxey's Derby winner, was, naturally, a hot favourite for the Champion Stakes, though, indeed, many also backed Mr. John Peel's Polka for a win. Coronet Rose won hands down. Mr. Buxey, undoubtedly the most fortunate owner of the meeting, again won in Nil Desperandum Stakes with his horse Pink Rose, who proved himself by far the best of the beaten lot. Had one backed the Roses right through they would have been well in.

The Pari-mutuel was run this year by Mr. I. P. Madar, assisted by Mr. U. Rumjhan, (Messrs. Deacon, Lockner and Deacon). The public were very much pleased with the way that it was conducted this year, with far better facilities than in former years, especially the selling and speedy payment of prize tickets. Although the building is not quite adequate for the purpose owing to the narrow walls that obstruct the free ingress and egress of the public, everything was carried out without a single complaint. Mr. I. P. Madar and Mr. U. Rumjhan have done much to please the public in general, and great praise is due both to him and to his assistant as well as to the whole staff employed in working the Pari-mutuel.

The results were as follows:—

The GRAND STAND STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lbs. extra; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. extra; and of 3 or more races 0 lbs. extra; subscription griffins non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 11st 12lbs (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 11lb (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb (Mr. Alderton) 3
Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 11st 1lb (Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Chieftain, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. Kanuk's Once More, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. Buxey's Liberty Rose, 11st 9lbs (Mr. Bell) 0

They started away with a good start, Liberty Rose making the running followed by Royal and Aladdin, and the rest of the field in a group behind. Between the Black Rock and the village La France Rose came to the front, and ousted the leader, who shortly afterwards fell back. Royal challenged La France Rose in the straight, but the other spurred, coming home some three lengths ahead. Royal was second, Aladdin third.

Time, 1 min. 33 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$3.30 winner; \$5.30 first place; \$6.40 second; \$1.30 third.

The SPRING STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German Cup 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Ca Canny, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Johnston) 1
Mr. Dowling's Panjandrum, 11st 1lb (Owner) 2
The Pals' Chantauqua, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. A. V. Apcar's Manila, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Schnorr) 0
H. E. Mr. May's Blue Skin, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedde) 0
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disclosure, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Oswald) 0
Major Radcliff's Arranpogue, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0

Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Milward) 0
Mr. Babinot's Rocket, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Armand's Modesty, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 1lb (Mr. Bell) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Elder, 11st 1lb (Mr. Makin) 0

Modesty made the running throughout. Passing the post for the first time Modesty led by a length followed by The Elder and Eclipse. On the second round Mr. Master sent Manila, who had been lying low, along among the leaders. Ca Canny also made a spurt when going down the slope from the Black Rock, and though Mr. Johnston had to take a wide sweep at the bend to get clear of the field he forced Ca Canny to the front coming up the straight displacing Modesty. Panjandrum also came up in the straight and took precedence of Eclipse and The Elder, who fell back into the group. Chantauqua followed Panjandrum. Both challenged Ca Canny when nearing home but Mr. Johnston kept his lead to the winning post and got in first with two lengths to spare.

A good third.
Time, 2 min. 22 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$4.10 for winner; \$12.50 first place; \$48.60 second place; \$30.30 third.

The GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of 2 or more races 10 lbs. extra; griffins allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins allowed 10 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Fernando's Disord, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Alderton) 1
Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Cox) 2
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 3
Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Clough's The Crow, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0

Rare Rose started off with the lead. Passing the stand for the first time the order was: Fiscal, Algerine, Rebel King, and The Crow, with Pandur and Disord bringing up the rear. Algerine then went to the front, followed by Disord, beating Fiscal up the hill. Disord led at the Black Rock by about half a length. Fiscal keeping the inside position took the lead at the village. Disord shortly afterwards came up neck-and-neck. In the straight Rebel King took the inside position. Disord challenged Fiscal and won in grand style by half a length. Fiscal was second, Algerine third.

Time, 2 mins. 9 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$243; 1st. place, \$27.70; 2nd, \$9.10; 3rd, \$9.90.

The LADIES' PURSE, presented; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lbs. extra; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Once round.

Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 12lbs (Mr. Johnston) 1
Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. Buxey's Marshal Niel Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cox) 3
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 10st 10lbs (Mr. Bell) 0

* 5lbs overweight.
The field got off to a capital start, Marshal Niel Rose taking the inside position followed by Northern Rose, Vancouver, Starling, Muscatel, and Set bringing up the rear. As the race progressed along the far stretch of the course Set drew up among the leaders, followed by Vancouver. Coming up the home straight Set pressed to the front rank. Northern Rose fell back, Vancouver taking up second place and Marshal Niel Rose third; the race finished in the order named.

Time, 1 min. 52 3/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$14.60; 1st. place, \$5.80; 2nd, \$5.70; 3rd, \$5.90.

The PALMER CUP, presented; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies, bona-fide griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race 5 lbs. extra; of two races 7 lbs. extra; and of three or more races 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. Seven furlongs.

Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb (Mr. Alderton) 1
Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cox) 2
Mr. John Peel's Rex, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Johnston) 3
Mr. G. Master's Dormouse, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedde) 0
Mr. Wingard's Quebec, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Kanuk's Once More, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0
* Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Burkill) 0

* 2lbs overweight.

La France Rose and Aladdin, the favourites, got the worse of a bad start. Quebec ahead. Towards the Black Rock Quebec drew ahead, with Rex coming up and Dormouse third. At the village La France Rose and Aladdin drew up challenging and passing the second and third ponies. Coming down the straight Aladdin took the lead, Quebec falling behind, and Rex keeping close up. La France Rose challenged Aladdin, but was never able to quite pass him. A very close finish, Rex being a fair third.

Time, 1 min. 53 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$43.60; 1st. place, \$9.10; 2nd, \$6.30; 3rd, \$8.

The PHAETON STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for walkers. Handicap; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. G. Master's Remnant, 12st 7lb (Owner) 1
Mr. Johnston's Runaway Girl, 12st (Owner) 2

Mr. G. H. Potts's Brilliant, 11st 5lb (Mr. Cox) 3
The Pals' Dandy, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Moller) 0
Mr. Hunter's Chit Sai, 10st (Mr. Mackie) 0
Mr. Hart Buck's School Girl, 11st (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. John Peel's Golden Bell, 11st 9lbs (Mr. Crighton) 0

Seven started. School Girl jumped to the front but was ousted by Chit Sai, and passing the post for the first time they were followed by Runaway Girl and Dandy. On the last round Dandy pressed to the front and made the running until nearing Wongneichow, where he showed signs of distress and fell back. Remnant came forward, and challenging Brilliant took up the lead followed by Runaway Girl. Remnant came up the straight in fine style and won from Runaway Girl by three-quarters of a length. When Dandy rode up opposite the Grand Stand it was seen that he had fractured his fetlock in the near hind leg; he was led to the paddock and examination showed such serious injury that he had to be shot.

Time, 2 min. 21 3/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$12.00 winner; \$6.50 first place; \$7.20 second; \$10.90 third.

The HONGKONG STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Spring Stakes or German Cup 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Paul's Fiscal, 11st 8lbs (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 12st 1lb (Mr. Master) 2
The Pals' Chantauqua, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Burkill) 3
Mr. Wheelrut's Fair Trade, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr. A. V. Apcar's Manila, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cox) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Bailie, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. W. Domnich's Kid, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gillingham) 6
Mr. Loh's Emigrant, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Bell) 0
Mr. A. Babinot's Rocket, 11st 1lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
* Mr. J. H. Lewis's Mongose, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Alderton) 0
Mr. Rolason's Reed Torrie, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1lb (Mr. Mackie) 0
* 2lbs overweight.

Mongose got the lead, with Ben Roy and The Bailie close on. Ben Roy next took a lead when going up the hill. Towards the Black Rock Fiscal drew ahead, increasing his lead at the village. Standard and Chantauqua took the second place in the straight riding neck-and-neck. An exciting finish showed Fiscal a winner by about half a length; Standard second, Chantauqua third.

Time, 2 min. 43 3/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$32.90 winner; \$7.70 first place; \$5.90 second place; \$11 third.

The CONSOLATION STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$200 added; second to receive \$100, and third \$50; for beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's Rajah, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1lb (Mr. Moller) 2
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak, 11st 4lb (Mr. Oswald) 3
Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Wheelrut's Protection, 11st 1lb (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Five started. Rajah went ahead at the fall of the flag with Vancouver second, Protection third, and Pandur running well with the third horse in hand. Daybreak made a bid for third place when approaching the Football Club pavilion and Vancouver was sent to the front of the field. Vancouver took the lead at the Black Rock; Daybreak fell back on the field with Pandur and Protection last. Coming round the bend into the straight Vancouver was overtaken by Rajah, who kept his lead until the winning post was past, coming home a good two lengths in front.

Time, 2 min. 6 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$23.50 for winner; \$9.60 first place; \$6.00 second place.

The CHAMPION STAKES, with \$500 added; second to receive \$250, and third \$100; for China ponies winners at this meeting only; a forced entry; entrance \$20; winners of two races \$30; of three or more races \$50; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr. Cox) 1
Mr. John Peel's Polka, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Burkill) 2
The Pals' Haron, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) 3
Mr. Dowling's Panjandrum, 11st 1lb (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. Fernando's Disord, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Alderton) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1lb (Mr. Crighton) 0
Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 7lbs (Mr. Johnston) 0

Mr. John Peel made a declaration regarding Set and Polka: the best to win.

Good start. Polka taking the lead while Coronet Rose and Set brought up the rear, the going being very easy. There was little if any change in the straight. Passing the stand Polka had the lead, Panjandrum second, Aladdin third. Set and Coronet Rose continued in the rear up to the football pavilion, when the latter, the great Derby favourite, crept up to the second place, shortly afterwards taking a lead when going up the hill; Polka was then second; Set third. Passing the Black Rock this was still the order which, in fact, was also maintained passing the village, Disord bringing up the rear. In the straight Haron challenged and passed Set for third place, Coronet Rose continuing to lead and winning hands down. Polka was second.

Time 2 min 3 3/4 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$9.90 winner; \$5.60 first place; \$6.10 second; \$3.10 third.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$5 with \$150 added; second to receive \$100, and third \$50; for beaten China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale. Five furlongs.

Five furlongs.

Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Moller) 1
Mr. Canada's Tai Yat, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Schnorr) 2
Mr. Tremoarne's Fun, 11st 1lb (Mr. Crighton) 3
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1lb (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. D. Macdonald's The Provost, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Clarke) 0
Mr. Healy's Powder-Puff, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Light) 0
Messrs. Veitch & Hunter's Zagloba, 10st 11bs (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Milward) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Teetotum, 10st 8lbs (Mr. Mackie) 0
H.E. Mr. May's Yellow Skin, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Gedde) 0
Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 11st 4lb (Mr. Rutherford) 0
Mr. Loh's Colonist, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Bell) 0
* Mr. Rolason's Reed Torrie, 11st (Mr. Oswald) 0

Mr. Waykong's Persistence, 11st 11bs (Mr. Black) 0
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 9lbs (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. Johnston's Border Laird, 11st 4lbs (Mr. Johnston) 0
Mr. G. B. Macdonald's Go Bang, 10st 12lbs (Mr. Dowling) 0
* Capt. Nugent and Mr. Dowling's Shark, 11st 9lbs (Mr. Smith) 0
Mr. W. Domnich's Growler, 11st 1lb (Mr. Gillingham) 0
* Mr. E. H. Hinn's Bourzine, 10st 11lbs (Mr. Knox) 0
* 2lbs overweight. * 5lbs overweight.

A score of beaten ponies started in this race. Standard taking a good position at the rail. Shortly after the set off Set shot ahead and continued to lead up the hill. At the Black Rock Pink Rose overhauled the third horse, Tai Yat. At the home side of the Black Rock Pink Rose challenged the leaders, and Set fell behind, while Tai Yat and Fun asserted themselves ahead of the field in the second and third positions. Pink Rose was an easy winner.

Time, 1 min. 17 4/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—\$23.50 winner; \$8.70 first place; \$19.30 second; \$13.90 third.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA CRYLON.]

WALLES V. SCOTLAND AT FOOTBALL.

London, 7th February.

The international Rugby football match between Scotland and Wales was played at Swansea on Saturday, before a tremendous crowd. Wales played a splendid game and won handsomely, by four goals and one try to one try. For the Welshmen Winfield again played grandly at full back, while Gabe and Pritchard were the other two who shone most. The Welsh forwards were also good, though they were the lighter team.

Wales ... 4 goals and 1 try.
Scotland ... 1 try.

[Wales previously drew with England at Leicester on the 9th ult.]

SENSATIONAL CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, 8th February.

There was rain on Saturday and Sunday at Melbourne, which affected the cricket a great deal. Play was resumed at 2 o'clock to-day, and Victoria were soon disposed of, the final total being 299. Rhodes was in, magnificent form with the ball and secured five wickets for 13 runs this morning. Altogether he had the fine bowling figures of 6 wickets for 62 runs. M'Alister was out for 139.

England went in and scored 248 on the sticky drying wicket, Hayward scoring 77 runs and Warner 49.

A sensational finish took place in the match at Melbourne between the Englishmen and Victoria to-day. Victoria, in the second innings, found Rhodes and Arnold absolutely unplayable on the sticky wicket, and the side was dismissed for 15 runs. Saunders was absent. G. H. S. Trotter was the only batsman to make any stand, and he scored 9 runs. Rhodes had the wonderful figures of 5 wickets for 6 runs, and Arnold took 4 wickets for 8 runs.

England went in against 67 runs and made 68 for the loss of two wickets, winning by 8 wickets.

TEA MEMORIAL TO MR. A. CHAMBERLAIN.

London, 5th February.

The joint memorial of the Ceylon and Indian Associations in London, urging a reduction of the tea duty, was sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 2nd inst. Its receipt has been acknowledged, but without comment.

DEPLORABLE COTTON GAMBLE.

Calcutta, 7th February.

The cotton gambling is causing widespread distress in Lancashire.

LORD CURZON AND THE WAR.

Calcutta, 19th February.

It is possible that the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan may prevent Lord Curzon taking leave home next May; as the head of the Government of India would, except in a case of extreme urgency, not be likely to leave while a war is proceeding between our Ally and a Power whose interests touch our own at so many points as do those of Russia.

BOMBAY'S VIEW OF THE WAR.

Bombay, 9th February.

As the result of enquiries among local merchants and manufacturers, it is not likely that the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia will seriously prejudice Indian trade. It is considered that, owing to the war, Japan will not be able to export to China any appreciable quantity of yarn and other manufactured cotton goods. Consequently the China market will be more opened up to Indian manufacturers. Also very little Japan raw cotton will be sent to China; and as a result, the prices of material in Bombay will expand. It is not anticipated that hostilities will affect the money market to any considerable extent; and the opinion trade will go on as before.

NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

POLICE COURT.

GOLD MINING IN COREA.

Thursday, 25th February.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH
(POLICE MAGISTRATE).

SERIOUS COUNTER-CHARGES.

James Gordon, fireman on the s.s. *Fernandez*, charged Captain Fisher, of that vessel, with using threatening language on the high seas while on the voyage from Australia to Hongkong. The captain of the *Fernandez* brought a counter-charge against the said James Gordon for disobedience of lawful orders, while on the same voyage.

For the prosecution in the first case seven firemen were called who heard the captain say to the prosecutor, James Gordon, "If I strike the reef I'll blow your brains out—I have a good mind to do it." By a somewhat remarkable coincidence they heard that and nothing more, though some were in the stoke-hole, some on the lower-deck, one in the wheel-house, and others on the companion-ladder leading to the bridge, the captain meanwhile standing near the door of his cabin.

The summonses were adjourned.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

SAKHALIN AND MANCHURIA 1897-1903.

The *Japan Mail* repeats the following quotation from a Japanese "History of Recent Times" which was translated in 1873 by the present British Minister at Peking, Sir Ernest Satow:—

In 1897 the Bakufu despatched envoys to Russia to treat about the boundary in Sakhalin. In 1892 Take-no-Uchi Shimomatsu no-kami and Matsudaira Iwami no-kami had been previously sent thither to discuss the same question. They proposed on that occasion to fix on the 50th parallel of latitude as the boundary, because it marked the division between the tribes called Aino and Smaenkur (?). Our officers were to proceed thither to govern the natives—and a map was prepared in which the respective territories were coloured red and green, the fifth parallel of latitude lying between the two. The Russians replied, "On what grounds do you call this your territory? If we were to consult an impartial person he would decide that the island belonged to Manchuria. Besides, no Ainos are to be found north of the fortieth parallel, and you have quite disregarded the position of the tribes, in your unjustifiable desire to take the 50th parallel as a boundary. How is it possible for us to accept it? There is nothing in this island by which a boundary can be properly laid down, and under these circumstances if you insist upon laying one down, it will give rise to complications between the two Powers. We are naturally averse to laying our frontier undefined, we are equally averse to defining it on insufficient grounds, or on such as do not suit our convenience. Let us, therefore, leave the matter as it is for the present, permitting our respective subjects to occupy the island in common, as was provisionally determined by the treaty concluded with Japan at Shimoda. At some future day, when we have examined the localities, we can confer again. But if you still find it absolutely necessary to settle something, we will take Aniva Bay as the extreme limit of Sakhalin as our boundary. Although Take-no-Uchi and his colleagues perceived from the evasive nature of their arguments that their design was to seize the whole island, they were unable to refute the reasoning of the Russians because they were insufficiently acquainted with the nature of the locality.

An engagement having been entered into in writing to the effect that the discussion should be renewed on the basis of an examination of the localities, the envoys returned to Japan, reported "the evident desire of the Russians to make themselves possessors of the whole island, and requested that some person who was well acquainted with the geography of the island should be sent to negotiate. The Bakufu, although desirous of despatching a second mission, had so much on its hands during the five years which followed that it was unable to carry out its intention, and the Russians took advantage of this long interval to form extensive settlements in Sakhalin. When the bakufu became aware of their proceedings, it was highly alarmed, and forthwith despatched Koide Yamato-no-kami (Governor of Hakodate) and Ishikawa-no-kami (a commissioner for foreign affairs). On arriving at S. Petersburg, Koide advanced the agreement made by Take-no-Uchi and his colleagues in 1862, and proposed to discuss the question on the basis of the nature of the localities. The Russians feigned never to have heard of the arrangement, and offered in exchange for Sagalien certain of the Kurile Islands, which belong to them, but Koide and his colleagues denied their jurisdiction over the Kuriles, and upbraided them for their disingenuousness. The argument became warm, and the Russians at last said: "It is not a matter about which we ought to wrangle; let us both colonies and occupy it."

Koide and his colleagues consulted together (*à la manière Japonaise* of those epochs), saying: "Though we have exhausted all possible arguments (except the only good one?) the facts remain that their colonies extend south of the 50th parallel. It is our fault for putting the negotiation off so long." Eventually they made a convention by which the island was to be occupied jointly by Russians and Japanese subjects, and returned home in the following spring to report the result of their mission.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Indo-China steamer *Laitung*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst. p.m.

The A.A. steamer *Dramar*, from New York, left Manila on Wednesday afternoon, and is due here on Saturday afternoon.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer *Pelew* left Moji yesterday daylight for Hongkong.



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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [586]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [587]

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PETER DOW,

Hon. Secretary (Vocal).

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [590]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [591]

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For The International Banking Corporation,

CHAS. R. SCOTT,

Manager.

For The Guaranty Trust Company of New York,

E. F. GROS,

Manager.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [593]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M., on the 1st March, 1904.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which such Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."

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GEO. H. FERRIER, Colonel,

H.M. Treasury Chest Officer,

Fletcher Street,

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [592]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [496]

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From one **ALEXANDER MOIR** for the transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at the Peak, under the sign of "The Peak Hotel," to one **GEORGE LEOPOLD DUNCAN.**

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [553]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [523]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 111.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

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of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to

receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st

December, 1903, and the Report of the General

Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee

and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 20th FEBRUARY,

to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

HOLDERS in the above Company will be

held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2,

Connaught Road, at 2.15 P.M. on THURSDAY,

the 10th MARCH, for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Directors, with a

Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,

1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th

MARCH, both days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [584]

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SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that,

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

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Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

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Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. [558]

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. L. ROSE,

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [571]

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The N-rays of R. Blondlot should interest us especially because they are so common about us. They were discovered while the light from a Welsbach burner was being concentrated by a quartz lens on a sulphide of calcium screen, the lens causing the luminosity of the screen to persist after the light was removed. They are now known to exist not only in the incandescent gas but also in the ordinary gas-flame burning without a chimney, and in the radiation from a red-hot plate of silver or talc, and they excite radio-activity in various substances, such as a plate of lead. The invisible rays can be detected by the slight increase of luminosity of a phosphorescent screen or of a very small gas-flame. These rays seem to be given off by the human body, and D'Arsonval has shown that a screen of platino-cyanide of barium, made slightly luminous by radium-lights up on approach to a muscle, and is so sensitive that it can show the course of a nerve under the skin.

While hydraulic cement from blast furnaces slag was made in London many years ago, the industry does not seem to have become permanent. The manufacture of Portland cement from slag and limestone has now been begun in Germany and Belgium, and the product is claimed to be cheaper and more trustworthy than that from the usual materials. Mortar of one part of slag cement to three of sand had a tensile strength of 383 pounds per square inch after 7 days, increasing to 551 pounds in 28 days.

In late experiments of Jensen, isolated cancer cells retained their vitality for 18 days at 1 deg. to 3 deg. C., 12 days at room temperature, and perished in 24 hours at body temperature. Bright light was rapidly destructive, as was also carbolic acid.

A still unexplained effect of the electric light somewhat resembles mild sunburn and sunstroke. The heat of the electric arc employed in the reducing furnace is so concentrated that it melts steel like tallow, but the thermometer a dozen yards away is scarcely affected. Even at this distance from the heat, however, persons experience a burning of the face and other exposed skin much like that produced by intensely hot sunshine. The skin becomes deeply bronzed, and there is temporary blindness in natural light, with pain in the eyes, followed by headache and insomnia.

In certain open coke furnaces, where air is admitted through openings and the gas from the bituminous coal is burned in the apparatus, carbon is deposited in the singular form of masses of fine threads. These deposits, which they call carbon wool, are found by two French chemists to occur in geode-like cavities in the coke, and the finer filaments are about 6,000th of an inch in diameter, while the coarser ones range from 0.0012 to 0.0035 inches, the length being usually about 2 inches. The filaments are formed of rings, of which six were seen in 1-25th of an inch.

Oxygen has been obtained from liquid air by distillation, the nitrogen passing off first and the last 10 per cent. being about 90 per cent. oxygen. The oxygen volatilises first, but also condenses while the nitrogen is still in gaseous form, and U. Georges Claude has devised a new apparatus in which a partially frozen stream of air is made to return against fresh air, when it gives up nitrogen and takes oxygen. One end of the apparatus is thus made to give out nearly pure nitrogen and the other nearly pure oxygen, 1200 cubic feet of 92 per cent. oxygen per hour having been obtained.

To train deaf-mutes to hear and to measure their sense of hearing have been subjects of experiment in Europe by Dr. Marage. A siren giving novel sounds was used, and the intensity of the sound as it became audible became progressively less, many cases of complete deafness being thus made to give place in six weeks to the power of hearing ordinary sounds. The treatment proved to be pleasing instead of fatiguing or painful. The hearing was measured at different stages of the treatment by the air pressure necessary to make the siren audible, and the results were obtained to indicate that few persons are deaf and dumb beyond all cure.

The novel-drilling tool of Mr. Charles Simons, of London, enables one man to do mining hitherto requiring two men. To an iron upright or spreader bar, about 9 feet in height, is attached a small cylinder, and an ordinary 2-foot drill passing through this cylinder is held in rigid position by a powerful spring and grip lever. The drill is revolved by a foot lever working in conjunction with a piston.

An alternating current of high frequency is used by Dr. J. Cunningham Bowie in the electric treatment of consumption. In practice it has ranged from 200 to 800 milli-amperes and from 50 to 70 volts, and has been applied from 10 to 20 minutes. Almond oil containing iodine, thymol, and other antiseptics was injected into the larynx. The curative effect was noted much more quickly than with the antiseptic oils alone, and the experimenter is satisfied that the current has an important healing influence.

A sheet of silver is the dressing applied by Dr. Reboul, a French physician, to wounds. It has remarkable antiseptic properties, and a fresh wound heals quickly without suppuration,

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Amongst its numerous and unique accomplishments, radium possesses the power of immediately enabling one to distinguish between diamonds and paste. The real gem responds at once, and takes on a beautiful luminosity in the dark, whereas paste remains dull. Two observers have recently gone over 13,000 different kinds of mineral with radium, the Röntgen rays, and ultra-violet light, and it is plain that the mere application of only a few pounds' worth of radium in the dark constitutes the simplest, and, in the long run, the cheapest, test for genuine diamonds yet discovered.

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The world has seen with admiration, not unmixed with dismay, the marvellous energy evolved by the fusion of races in America. Here, in South Africa, in the years to come, we shall witness the same thing repeated on a vastly larger scale, with the added advantage of the experience of the Americans to guide us, whose errors we hope to avoid while striving to repeat their success.

At the close of their long and devastating war, the Americans awoke to the grand possibilities of their country, and proceeded to develop them with admirable skill and industry. But even the best of virtues have their darker side, and in their feverish haste to achieve material success the Americans ended themselves time for eating; with the result that they became a nation of dyspeptics, a fact which has cost them untold misery and countless dollars. The evil is better understood and more generally avoided by Americans now, and besides their scientific research has provided an antidote in Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup.

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